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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Ball State University Singers on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the group's creation.

Whereas, The Ball State University Singers are celebrating the group's 50th anniversary with almost 1,000 student singers, dancers, instrumentalists, technicians, choreographers, costume and set designers, writers, and arrangers having participated;

Whereas, In 1964 the music faculty voted to establish a popular vocal ensemble named in the recognition of the elevation of Ball State to university status under Don Neuen, founding director;

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Whereas, In 1966 the First Spectacular was held in Emens Auditorium and over \$7,000 was raised for the School of Music Scholarship fund;

Whereas, The University Singers have been fortunate to have had many outstanding directors, including Larry Boye, Fritz Mountford, and Jeffrey Richard Carter and Acting Directors Jack Trussel, Rob Lawrence and Michael Davis;

Whereas, In 1971 the Indiana General Assembly proclaims University Singers to be "Indiana's Official Goodwill Ambassadors";

Whereas, The University Singers have performed nationally and internationally and for such distinguished guests as former President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Nancy Reagan;

Whereas, The University Singers' philosophy is quality, good taste, honesty, sincerity and fun;

Whereas, Under current Director Dr. Alan Alder's direction, the University Singers received a Gold ranking at the 2012 World Choir Games and the World's No. 1 Collegiate Entertainment Organization; and

Whereas, Former members have gone on to reach notoriety in television, film and stage: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the Ball State University Singers on the occasion of the group's 50th anniversary and thanks them for all the pleasure they have given us.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the Ball State University Singers Director Dr. Alan Alder.

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